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17. (Amended) A process for producing polyketone fibers which comprises heating the polyketone solution of claim 7 to a temperature higher than the phase separation temperature, then extruding the polyketone solution into a coagulating bath having a temperature lower than the phase separation temperature to form a fibrous material, thereafter drawing the fibrous material out of the coagulating bath at a coagulation draft of 0.2-2, successively drying the fibrous material at a drying draft of 0.5-1.5 after or while removing a part or the whole of the solvent which dissolves the polyketone from the fibrous material, stretching the fibrous material and winding up the resulting fibrous material.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependency. Entry of the amendment is therefore requested.

In response to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group II and claims 7-15 for further prosecution in this application with traverse.

While the Examiner has separated process claims 16-19 into a separate group, all of these claims are dependent from elected main claim 7. Consequently, it is not believed that considering these claims at the same time as the elected claims are considered would place any undue burden on the Examiner. Examination of claims 16-19 is therefore also requested.

If the Examiner maintains his requirement and withdraws process claims 16-19 from further consideration, in addition to claims 1-6 and 20-23, and claim 7 is later

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